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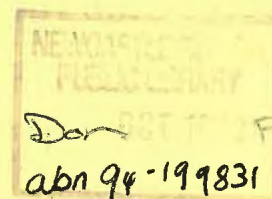


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Prepared & edited by the Goal-Mouth for Stockton (Senior) Soccer Club Inc.



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★ Club History

Welcome, one and all to Stockton Soccer Club's 20th Anniversary Presentation Night Dinner.

Although 1992 is being celebrated as our anniversary here at Stockton Soccer Club, the history of Soccer in our suburb goes back to 1896 when a club was formed by local coalminers in the Summer of that year. The first match played by that team was against Carrington at Carrington in April, 1897. That meeting resulted in Carrington winning the game(2-0), however Stockton shared the points in the return match(1-1) later that season. The strip worn in those bygone days was blue shirts with white braces. In those days, Stockton was a coalmining town and when the mine eventually closed, interest in the game faded and so the club faded into history.

During the early years of the 1970's, many of the junior players from Stockton would have to seek alternative clubs or else "give up the game" due to the lack of a senior club in Stockton. In 1972, Gary Norris, coach of one of the Junior Club's sides, approached Col Gray(President) and Frank East(Secretary) of the Junior Club with a view to the Junior Club backing a senior team. With the approval of the Junior Club, Gary Norris then persuaded team-mate, Leigh Fraser to become involved in forming the first senior team which would contest the 1973 season. The team consisted mainly of friends of Gary and Leigh plus a number of ex-junior players, thus heralding the beginning of the "new" Stockton Soccer Club, of which Leigh Fraser would become the first President and would later gain life-membership.

As a result of the Junior Club's backing, the team was allowed the use of Corroba Oval, the juniors also supplied the strip - gold with grey stripes and black plastic numbers - for the senior team to wear. The Junior Club facilitated the first few shaky years of the Senior Club with Col Gray and Frank East as Co-President and Co-Secretary respectively of both clubs. In 1975, Leigh Fraser was elected President of the Senior Club as it gained it's autonomy.

Without the efforts of Col Gray, Frank East, Gary Norris, Leigh Fraser and Mick Slater(our current President), it's doubtful that Stockton Soccer Club would've survived those first few years. Our debut season was in the 1973 Protestant Churches First Division where we took out the Minor Premiership honours but lost out to New Lambton Baptists in the Major Premiership Grand Final(4-3). The team that competed in that first season was made up of the following players:- Leigh Fraser, Gary Norris, Peter Leggatt, Dennis Pitt, Tony Watt, George Adams, Vince Russell, Mick Slater, Greg Walmsley, Greg Cook, Brett Fraser, Mick Lee, Robert Lee and Gary McLehman. As player interest increased, 1974 saw the club entering two teams in the Hunter Valley All-Age Competition, again meeting with success as the No.1 team taking out both Competition and Grand Final honours. With the renewed interest and the progression of junior players into our club, it was now able to field 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade teams and in 1975, we entered the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Third Division Competition with all grades finishing mid-table for that season. The 1976 and 1977 seasons also saw us performing well but, alas no honours. In 1978 though, our then-Second Grade team made the Semi-Final only to be beaten by Swansea Workers(4-1) while Third Grade got all the way to the Grand Final but lost to Beresfield(2-0). Again, it was felt that our lower grades' successes were due to the growing depth within the club arising from the Junior Club's players coming up through the grades.



1972-1992



Stockton played out the 1979 season without attaining any honours but in 1980, our Second Grade reached the Final but were beaten(4-3 on penalties after full-time tied score). Third Grade were Grand-Finalists but were beaten(1-0) by Cooks Hill. The 1981 season was one we'd rather forget!

The 1982 season saw the restructuring of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Competition with the abandonment of the State League and the reduction of grades from three to two(First, Second and Third reduced to First and Reserve). As a result of this restructuring, Stockton was relegated to a newly-created Fourth Division with First Grade finishing 6th and Reserves finishing 8th in their respective tables. In 1983 we started our long climb up to First Division. We began by winning the 1983 Minor Premiership on goal-averages over South Wallsend and Tomago Eagles, then took out Grand Final honours, beating South Wallsend(2-0) while Reserve Grade finished the season in a creditable 6th spot. These results were enough to lift us into Third Division in 1984.

For Stockton, the 1984 season brought with it a new player/coach named Graham Bull, whose career included stints at Adamstown Rosebuds and Maitland Magpies, who brought with him new, young and experienced players like the Elphick Brothers(Doug and Jim), Brian Whitehead and Tony Foote to our club. Both grades were successful that year with Minor and Major Premiership honours to the Reserves while First Grade won the Minor Premiership outright but lost the Grand Final to Lambton Jaffas(2-1). We weren't worried though, we were on our way up to Second Division!

1985 was the first of three seasons in the Second Division for Stockton Soccer Club, who by now were playing in the black and gold strip for a number of years and were becoming more and more known as the "Sharks". This season saw us back to three grades again with the inclusion of an Under 18's Grade which finished a creditable 5th in it's debut season while Firsts and Reserves finished 3rd in their respective tables. Graham Bull was again coach with Tony Foote as his assistant, a pairing that was to continue into 1986, our second season in Second Division, it was to be, for First Grade, the first of two back-to-back Minor Premierships.

For Stockton Soccer Club, 1986 and 1987 were two magic years. We won the Minor Premiership in both seasons, in 1986 with Belmont beating us on penalties in the Preliminary Final and in 1987 with us getting our own back by beating Belmont in the Major Semi-Final, again on penalties(who can ever forget Norm Bruhn having to save a penalty kick - twice! The Referee had judged Norm to have moved the first time and ordered the shot be taken againand Norm saved it - again! Then he turned around and kicked the winning goal!) then to be beaten by arch-rival team, Cessnock City(1-0). Reserves came 2nd in 1986 and, like First Grade, were bundled out of the playoff series by a determined Belmont side(8-7 on penalties after full-time tied score). The Under 18's finished 9th in '86 but not for want of trying. 1986 wasn't to be their year but better things lay ahead for them.

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Club History continued.....

The 1987 Season would prove to be our last in Second Division (or so we thought at the time) as the Graham Bull/Tony Foote combination took us to the second of those Back-to-Back Minor Premierships and then on to the '87 Grand Final against Cessnock as mentioned earlier (for the reader's interest, Cessnock also play in Black and Gold strip). Reserves and Under 18's both finished 5th for '87 with Bill Rice as coach for Under 18's that year, a coach well-liked and respected by his charges for the efforts he put in on their behalf. For First Grade, the combined successes of '86 and '87 as well as the strength gained by attracting more players through our three years in Second Division meant only one thing, we were on the move again, next stop: FIRST DIVISION!

Our debut season in First Division in 1988 was certainly no picnic for either First or Reserve Grades although our First Grade managed to pull off some surprise results, like beating Adamstown Rosebuds (4-3) for a start! This was to be the Under 18's Grade's big year. Coached by Geoff Freeman, they were to finish 4th in their table and secure a spot in the Semi-Finals only to be beaten (3-0) by a desperate Belmont team. First Grade were "Wooden Spooners" for probably the first time in club history but stayed in First Division due to Central Coast Association's joining the Sydney competition.

Of the three coaches involved, Graham Bull (Firsts), Lee Bennis (Reserves) and Geoff Freeman (Under 18's), only Geoff Freeman had any real success to speak of in '88. Indeed, in recognition of his work, the Under 18's Grade made a special presentation to Geoff on the evening of the 1988 Annual Presentation Night (Saturday, 15th October). For Graham and Lee, it wasn't one of their best years though not for want of trying.

Midway through 1989, Graham Bull resigned as coach of Stockton, citing family and business reasons, handing the reins to Craig Grills and Bruce Murphy while Terry O'Reilly (Geoff Freeman's successor) carried on in the Under 18's Grade coaching position. First Grade finished 8th as did Under 18's while Reserves finished marginally better in 5th spot.

Craig Grills and Bruce Murphy continued coaching the First and Reserve Grades in 1990 and 1991 and these two years saw considerable improvements in the senior grades with First Grade finishing 5th in 1990, just missing out on a Semi-Final spot (pipped at the post by Edgeworth) and Reserves a worthy 6th spot. Under 19's (as they were now called) were "Wooden Spooners" in 1990. For Craig Grills, the 1991 season was to be his "swan song" as he retired at the end of that season. Bruce Murphy also announced his retirement but had second thoughts and is back coaching our 1992 First Grade Side. Under 19's, coached by David Storm, finished 10th but not without a struggle!

This brings us now to this season and again we see the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation with "itchy feet". Ten years after their last restructuring and they're at it again! And yet again Stockton is relegated to a lower division. This time it's from First to Second Division in a revamped 2-Division/10 team competition with Reserve Grade abolished, leaving only Firsts and Under 19's (now called Youth Grade).

Where to from here? Stockton is using this season to actively press our claim for First Division Status by finishing at, or as close to the top of the table as possible. The rest is, as they say, "in the lap of the gods!"

by Graham Parsons (Secretary)
and Neil Forbes (Publicity)

★ Goal-Mouth Looks Back

My involvement with Stockton Soccer Club began by my getting to know Eddie Tynan in 1982. He told me he played Soccer with the local team and, as I got to know him a little better, I started going up to Corroba Oval with him to watch some of the games. I should point out here that I'd met Mick Slater 9 years earlier when I was living up in Roxburgh Street and Mick had bought my Grandfather's house at 112 (I lived at 114). I was aware of the team in its early days but my visits to the games were few and far between. Anyway, back to my story. I'd started going to Stockton's home games initially at the invitation of Eddie Tynan and in 1983, started going along at my own volition. I went to all their home games up to the end of the season and then made the effort of at least seeing one away game, which was the last of the season against Tech College at Tighes Hill who, at the time were "Wooden Spooners". We lost that game, as the records will show, and it caused an upset as we were now tied on points with South Wallisend and Tomago Eagles. We did, however, win that year's Minor Premiership on goal-averages (as stated elsewhere in this book). We also won the Major Premiership for 1983 against South Wallisend, I might add.

It was Eddie Tynan's suggestion to me that I should write a newspaper column on behalf of Stockton Soccer Club after reading some of my "Letters To The Editor" in the Newcastle Herald. So, one day in May, 1984, Eddie spoke to Ian Stirrat, then President of the club, with the idea of me writing the column. Ian agreed and the rest is, as they say, history! I got to work immediately thereafter and produced the first edition of what was then known as "Soccer Report". That first item detailed the club's Minor and Major Premiership wins in 1983 plus attempting to catch up to what had happened so far in the 1984 season.

The local newspaper, the "Stockton Messenger" was owned and run by an expatriot German fellow named Bob Raupach at the time I submitted that first Soccer Report. The paper he produced was 8 pages, each being about the size of A4 typing paper (give or take an inch here or there), coming out once a month. The paper had its beginnings around the time of our Ferry dispute, around 1980 (there had been another Ferry dispute since then). Writing for a monthly newspaper meant that one had a lot to cover in the limited space available. I had four weeks worth of matches to cover and, with two grades, that meant eight matches for each edition (whew!). So I was very relieved when the paper changed to fortnightly issues and enlarged page size. This change was very timely as it occurred about the time we were promoted into Second Division resulting in our adding an Under 18's grade to our line-up. So now I had six games to review every two weeks.

Initially the column was named "Soccer Report" and I had assumed the pseudonym "Goal-Mouth", under which name I conducted the column. The column became known as "From The Goal-Mouth" by accidental substitution of my pseudonym for the title and the name stuck. I was half-deciding to call it that anyway and the decision was made for me as it were. Bob Raupach continued to run the paper a few more years then handed it over to a young 17-year-old named Troy Duncan who then ran the paper for a period of a little over 18 months and in that period, did a commendable job. After Troy Duncan's tenure as Editor, the paper had an uncertain future. This affected not only myself but a number of other contributing writers. Eventually, the running of the paper was taken over by Mr. Peter Storey, who continues to run the paper to this day so the future is assured for this column.

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Goal-Mouth Looks Back continued....

The 1986 Annual General Meeting went along as normally as Annual General Meetings tend to go, I attended as I do each year but after I left this particular meeting, the Committee got together and named me as Publicity Officer. It was Phil Kamines who informed me of the decision later that evening. I had been acting as defacto Publicity Officer anyway so I guess they just wanted to make it official.

The duties of a Publicity Officer are varied. they can range from just reporting(through newspaper columns) the goings-on of the club, both on field and off(game details, social events and such-like) or they can extend right up to producing(or assisting in production of): matchday programmes, posters advertising games, and Annual Presentation Night Souvenir Books. The matchday programmes are a collaboration between Graham Parsons(Secretary) and myself. I write the preview and/or review segments while Graham hunts up statistics and other details and puts the whole thing together while my main concerns are the newspaper column and the posters advertising our home games. At the end of each season, there is the Annual Presentation Night, held within the first two weeks of October. Back in 1986, I started what has now become tradition for our club - the Annual Presentation Night Souvenir Book. These books are now just as much a part of our Presentation nights as those ever-so-crazy "Raw Prawn Awards" and, without Graham's valued assistance, these books just wouldn't be possible!

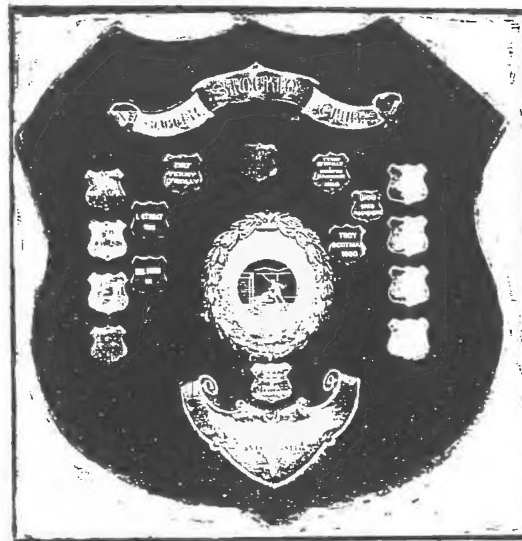
Our matchday programmes have met favourable response from quite a number of other clubs, some even emulating us by starting their own matchday programmes. This is all very encouraging for us as we continue to develop the "Shark Attack" which we began in 1988, our first year in First Division.

Poster advertising has been part of my duties since 1986. Those first posters were rather crude attempts of my own design but were soon superseded by posters from the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation which first had to be reduced to a more convenient and acceptable size, this being done by Ian Stirrat. I continued using these for a few years but then reverted to my own designs and still do so today.

This season, 1992, is my ninth of being connected with Stockton Soccer Club. I heartily congratulate the club on it's 20th Anniversary and certainly hope to be around when we celebrate 50 years in 2022! What a celebration that'll be!

by Neil Forbes
(Goal-Mouth)

★Best Clubman Awards:1976 -1991



The Clubman Award was first presented in 1976, it's first winner being Mick Slater, our current President, and in the subsequent 15 presentations of this award, on 6 occasions there have been dual winners. Here is a list - a roll call, if you like - of all those who have received this token of esteem through the years.

1976 - Mick Slater.

1989 - Greg MacKenzie.

1977 - A. Wilson.

1990 - Troy Scotman.

1978 - Phil Leggett.

1991 - Neil Forbes.

1979 - Greg Cook & Mick Lee.

1980 - Colleen Lee.

1981 - Mick Lee.

1982 - John Petryk & Kim Kaaden.

1983 - Neil Ross Smith & Ian Stirrat.

1984 - Kim Kaaden & Ian Stirrat.

1985 - Ian Stirrat.

1986 - John Price & Phil Kamines.

1987 - Terry O'Reilly.

1988 - Terry O'Reilly & Martin Kamines.

TEAM PHOTOS - THROUGH THE YEARS★



1974-First Grade:Minor/Major Premiers!
Neil Dalby/Greg Cook/Ian Stirrat/Garry
Norris/Peter Leggatt/Leigh Fraser/
Dennis Pitt/Dave Dean/Brett Fraser/Gary
McLennahan/Greg Walmsley/Mick Slater/
George Adams.



1977-First Grade! Greg Walmsley/Leigh
Fraser/Brian Iredale/Brett Fraser/Tony
Watt/Brendan May/Paul Christie/Garry
Norris/Peter Leggatt/Nick Chomyn/Gary
Lindsay.



1983-First Grade:Div.4 Minor/Major Prem.
Ian Stirrat/Tony Austin/Kim Kaaden/
Graeme Walmsley/Paul Christie/Garry
Howell/Terry East/Greg Walmsley/Greg
Cook/John Price/Alex Innes.

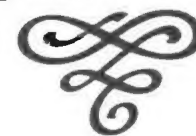


1983-Reserve Grade! Stephen Sutherland/Bob
Hogan/Warren Jordan/Kelvin Russell/Mick
Hornby/John Petryk/Neil Williams/Eddie
Tynan/Neil Smith/Wayne Kidley/Shane Pritchard/
Tony Tietze/Mick Lee/Gordon Slimmons/Ian
Bateman/Bob See/Bogdan Beric(deceased).
Absent:Ian Johnson/Dennis Pitt/Darren Logan/
Peter Kay/Phil Kamines/Terry Jones/
Shane Christie.

● Some of the people you see in these photos are still active within the club. Indeed, Alex Innes and Terry O'Reilly (Pictured elsewhere) are still playing! Others like Mick Slater and Ian Stirrat are on our Committee - Mick Slater is currently serving as President. Others still, like Kim Kaaden, have moved away as their employment dictates and some have, sadly, passed away, like Bogdan Beric and Bruce Innes(not pictured here). These people are sadly missed!



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TEAM PHOTOS-THROUGH THE YEARS★



1984-First Grade:Minor Prem/Grand Finalists!
Paul Christie/Doug Elphick/Warren Jordan/Norm
Bruhn/Alex Innes/Jamie Elphick/Graham Bull/
Mick Preston/Kim Kaaden/Ian Tinlin/Darren
Hogan/Ian Stirrat/Terry O'Reilly/Brian
Whitehead/Kelvin Russell.



1991-First Grade! Mick Slater(Pres.)/Ian
Stirrat(Dir.)/Bruce Murphy/David Brenton/
Tony McGovern/Michael McGovern/Tony
Murnain/Phil Kamines(Dir.)/Greg McKenzie
(Team Manager)/Tim O'Reilly/David Butchart/
Peter McGuinness/Craig Grills/Brian O'Reilly/
Karl Marjoribanks/Scott Piggott.
Absent:Gary Jones/Troy Scotman/Doug Elphick.



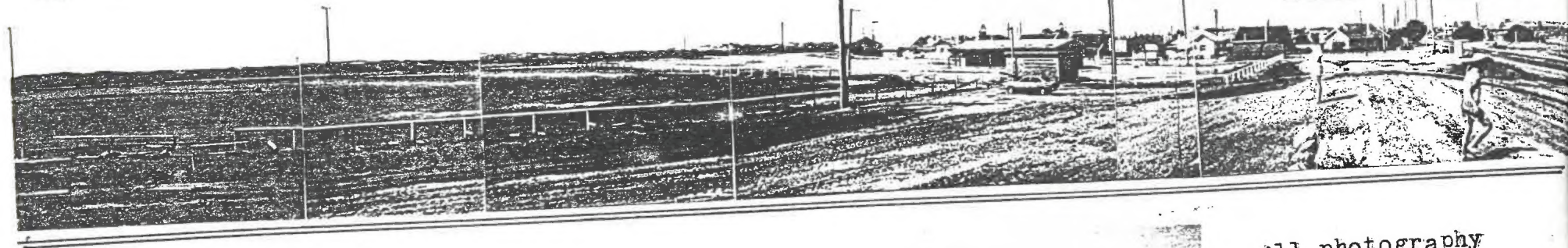
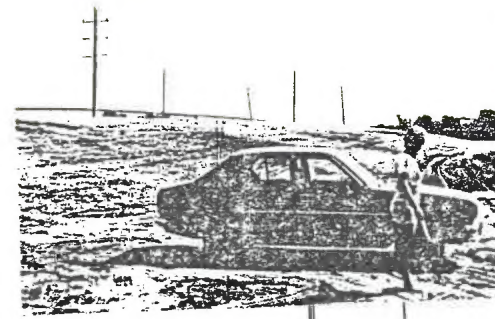
1988-Under 18's: Semi-Finalists!
Jim Catalov/Shame Beasley/Jon Fleming/Tony
Caponecchia(Goal)/Mark Young/Jason Hill/
Brendon Slade/Bill Lilley/Shawn Thomas/
Peter Slade/Derek Collins/Graht Johnson/
Martin Kamines.



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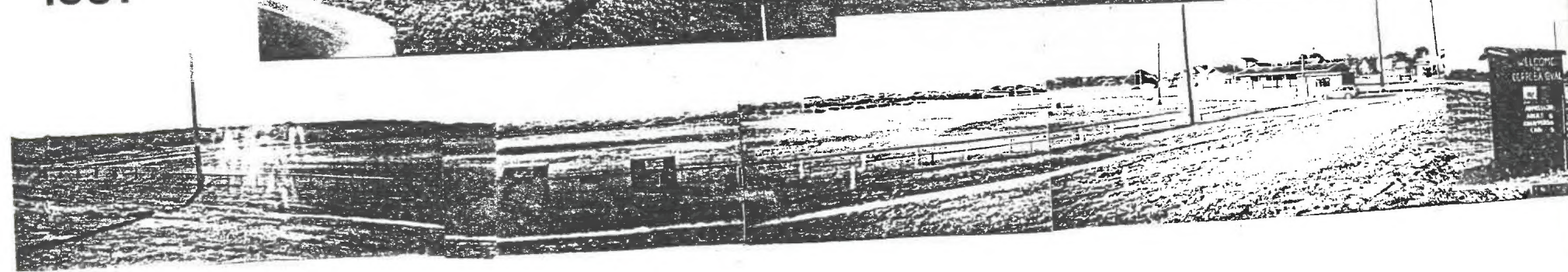
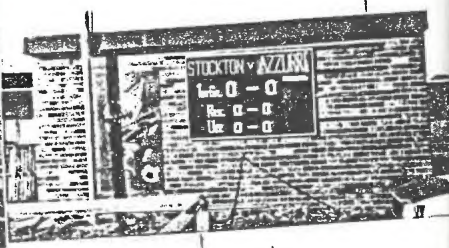
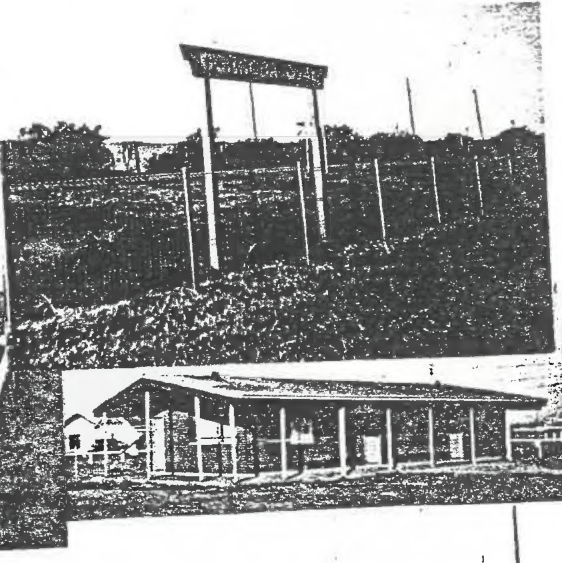
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From The Goal Mouth

✱ Season In Review

As you can see from the first six pages of this book, we haven't exactly stood still in 20 years! We've come a long way! Now that we have looked at our club's history, let's now turn our attention to the season just finished.

Stockton Soccer Club returned to Second Division in 1992 after a four-year stint in First Division from 1988 to 1991. The reason for this was that the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation was restructuring its competition, the result being two divisions of ten clubs each, each fielding two teams - First and Youth Grades.

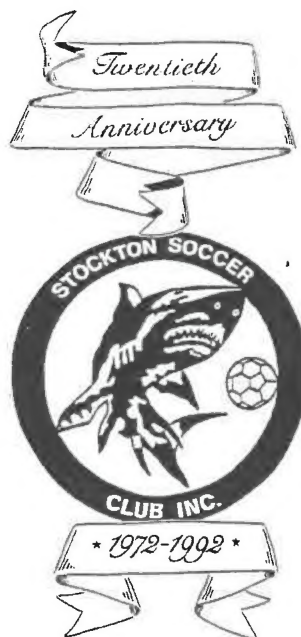
Stockton had, what one might call, a reasonably good season in 1992, we didn't win the Premiership but we did finish in the top 4 (in First Grade), so we weren't faced with having to play a qualifying round in the restructured play-off series (incorporating all 10 clubs) this year.

First Grade's season had its high and low points this season, starting with a win against Singleton and also recording an excellent win over Wallsend in Round 11. But while we've had good wins, we've also suffered horrendously at the hands of Singleton (having their revenge for their first-round loss), Cessnock City and Lambton. This was the first season I can remember that we haven't beaten Cessnock City at least once during the Premiership. No doubt we'll make up for that next season!

Youth Grade's season wasn't quite what was hoped for this year but they did have some high points, particularly Rounds 11, 12 and 13, winning three straight games, two of which, the opposition were well and truly trounced by our boys, they being 4-1 against Wallsend and 5-1 against Belconners. In between those we had a tight but well-fought 1-0 win against Nelson Bay. Many of Youth Grade's games this season resulted in draws, showing just how tightly-fought matches they were. Our boys really had to struggle to extract just the one point from them.

Our Coaching Staff, consisting of Bruce Murphy (First Grade) and Noel Fishburn (Youth Grade) have performed admirably this season, and while things mightn't have gone the way they'd hoped, there's no reason to feel disappointed with the season as a whole.

Our Committee has worked as hard as ever to ensure a successful season and can feel justly proud of their efforts. This year saw a new position on our Committee, that of Development Officer, filling this position is Mr. Steve Jeffries. Our aim is to have Junior Super League (hopefully) in 1993. This will be Steve's department. He will co-ordinate Stockton's participation in SL next year.



This Presentation Night Souvenir Book started life as a Special Anniversary Ball Souvenir, intended for our 20th Anniversary Ball, which was to be held on July 25th, but owing to circumstances unforeseen, had to be cancelled, thus I had decided (as editor of this book) that I would combine the Anniversary Special with the "Shark Attack" Annual and here, in your hands, is the result. All the usual features are here, competition results, tables, top goalscorers, coaches' and committee reports as well as provision for you to record the winner(s) in each award section.

We at Stockton Soccer Club sincerely trust you will enjoy yourself as our guest at this, our 20th Annual Presentation Night Dinner and, hopefully, this book will help you to remember this night in future years.

■ Tonight's Winners

Best & Fairest - First Grade: _____

Best & Fairest - Youth Grade: _____

Most Improved Player 1992: _____

1992 Golden Goal: _____

1992 Iron Man: _____

1992 Club Man: _____

1992 Neville Norris Perpetual Trophy: _____

Fishy's (Noel Fishburn's) Award: _____

1992 Player Of The Year: _____

Plus a host of other awards to be made in recognition of our valued sponsors, supporters and the many people who have helped Stockton Soccer Club throughout the 1992 season.

Don't forget our Annual Raw Prawn Awards, coming up later this evening. A whole lot of fun to round off a great evening!



* Season In Review

From The COMMITTEE:

Mick Slater - President

1992 - A year of many high points and some not so high. First we had our 20-Year Anniversary Six-A-Side Family Fun Day. This day provided a relaxing reunion for past and present players, friends and families. Nobbly Knees and grey hair aside, the players had a great day. The winning team needed no coaching from the side-lines - perhaps we should change the rules for next year. The sandhills provided a lot of fun for children for weeks after - particularly the Simpsons' clan who delighted in losing belongings within the sand.

Unfortunately the planned Ball did not eventuate, but all who attended the Dinner enjoyed a rowdy night of food, drink and reminiscing.

We all heard with sorrow of the passing of Neville Norris. Neville was a staunch supporter of our club over the years and the Neville Norris Perpetual Trophy will keep his memory alive. From all our past and present members, we offer our condolences to his wife, Pat and his sons, Gary and Leon and their families.

On the park, our coaching staff and players worked hard to provide spectators with some great games. With an equal second place in First Grade and just pipped in the Grand Final, and a rapidly improving Under 19's (Youth) Grade, Stockton Soccer Club finished 1992 on a high.

Everyone has worked extremely hard to support the club and players and I must thank all who have put in even the smallest effort.

Thank You.

Graham Parsons - Secretary

At this time last year I wrote that the '91 season commenced with a great deal of optimism and yet finished rather dismally (with news of the club's relegation to Second Division). After the initial disappointment and anger had dissipated, the committee decided to "play on" and push yet again for reinstatement to First Division.

On the park, Coaches, Bruce Murphy, Noel Fishburn and the players responded to the Federation's dumping of Stockton with First Grade attaining equal second spot on the table, and just losing the Final to Singleton (1-0). Youth Grade showed that they will be a team to be reckoned with in coming seasons with many of their losses suffered to the odd goal. Noel Fishburn injected a discipline and style that the team quickly adapted to, and nowhere was this more evident than the marathon Quarter-Final loss to Cessnock.



Off the park, The committee had a long period of self-examination and, due largely to the efforts of committee "new boy", Steve Jeffries, embarked on a plan of "getting our house in order", involving:

- (a) Restructuring of the organisation of the club (with constitutional reform and streamlining of the committee and its meetings).
- (b) Promotion of Youth Development (with the club nominating for participation in the NWSWF State Junior League).
- (c) Plans for a new and flashy playing strip.

In hindsight, I feel that in order for Stockton to build and grow and succeed, the relegation to Second Division was not such a bad thing. It appears the club is in a much better position now to do that and by the end of the '93 season, will again be pushing for a First Division berth.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank the following people who made this a year of unforeseen success:-

- (a) Coaches, Bruce Murphy and Noel Fishburn.
- (b) The players of First and Youth Grades.
- (c) My fellow committee-members.
- (d) Keri Kamines (for her outstanding contribution over the years).
- (e) The club's many sponsors.
- (f) The ball-boys and gate-keeper, Mr. Noel Smith.
- (g) The canteen ladies.
- (h) The match-day raffle ladies.

In closing, I am sure that the club is at last on track to regaining a First Division spot and once again I am optimistic!!



* Season In Review

From The COACHES:

Bruce Murphy

- First Grade

The 1992 season was basically a year in which the club was looking to consolidate after the disappointing decision handed down by the Federation. To this end I feel we were successful in being competitive throughout the season despite the initial loss of seven of our regular First Grade players, it helped us unearth a depth and fight in the club which was rewarding.

The performance of some of our previously regular Reserve Grade, the timely acquisition of David Simpson and the belated return of Troy Scotman added to our success. It would be difficult to single out individual performances as the team worked hard and well as a unit, giving of their best every game.

Without the contribution and support of Noel Fishburn, my job would have been much more difficult. He accepted the occasional raid on his ranks with a certain type of grace.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank "Macca" (Greg McKenzie) for his advice and input - his help was invaluable.

Lastly, I would like to thank the committee for their faith and continued support and acknowledge their dedication and professionalism which I hope to see further rewarded in the near future.

This season was enjoyable for me personally, I found the players easy to work with and a good bunch of guys - I hope to see you all back in the 1993 season for an even better year.

Noel Fishburn

- Youth Grade

Well another season has come and gone at Stockton Soccer Club, this season being a little bit different than the past two for me because I had the pleasure of coaching the Youth side.

After such a promising start to pre-season training, with numbers up to seventeen at one stage, the numbers started to drop off as the season proper got under way, which was very disappointing for me as coach because of a lot of the players that went missing, showed a lot of promise, whether the training was a bit tough or their heart was just not in soccer but the players that did stay, put in the hard work at training and reaped all the benefits.



Although the results show that we had an ordinary season, I myself, as coach was very happy with the overall season. Going over the results (see page 12), 95% games show we were beaten by the odd goal and gave all the leading sides one hell of a shake. Although we finished seventh in the comp, we had the third-best defensive record, which is a credit to the boys.

All year I kept telling the players that there was no side in the comp that we should fear (I guess by the end of the year they were sick of hearing that statement). But it finally paid off in our Quarter-Final play-off with Cessnock at Cessnock's home ground, who finished second in the comp.

For the people who were not at the game (Quarter-Final), you missed one of the most exciting games of the season and all the boys came of age that day. Down 2-1 with ten minutes remaining (after one of the worst refereeing decisions I have ever witnessed in my 32 years of soccer), the boys dug deep and showed guts and character well beyond their years and levelled the scores at 2-2. Straight into a penalty shoot-out and 40 minutes and 40 penalty kicks later, we were finally beaten 18-17.

I have coached at other clubs in the past ten years but I have never been more proud of a team than I was on that day. The boys finally knew that they could compete with the best and more than hold their own. We might've lost the game but all the boys knew deep down in their hearts who had really won.

So with another year over, I would like to thank the players for their efforts throughout the year. I don't normally like to single players out but a few of the younger players like Lee Johnson, Jason Brown, Jason Stewart and Paul Yeomans showed great promise and if they work hard on their game, they have many First Grade games ahead.

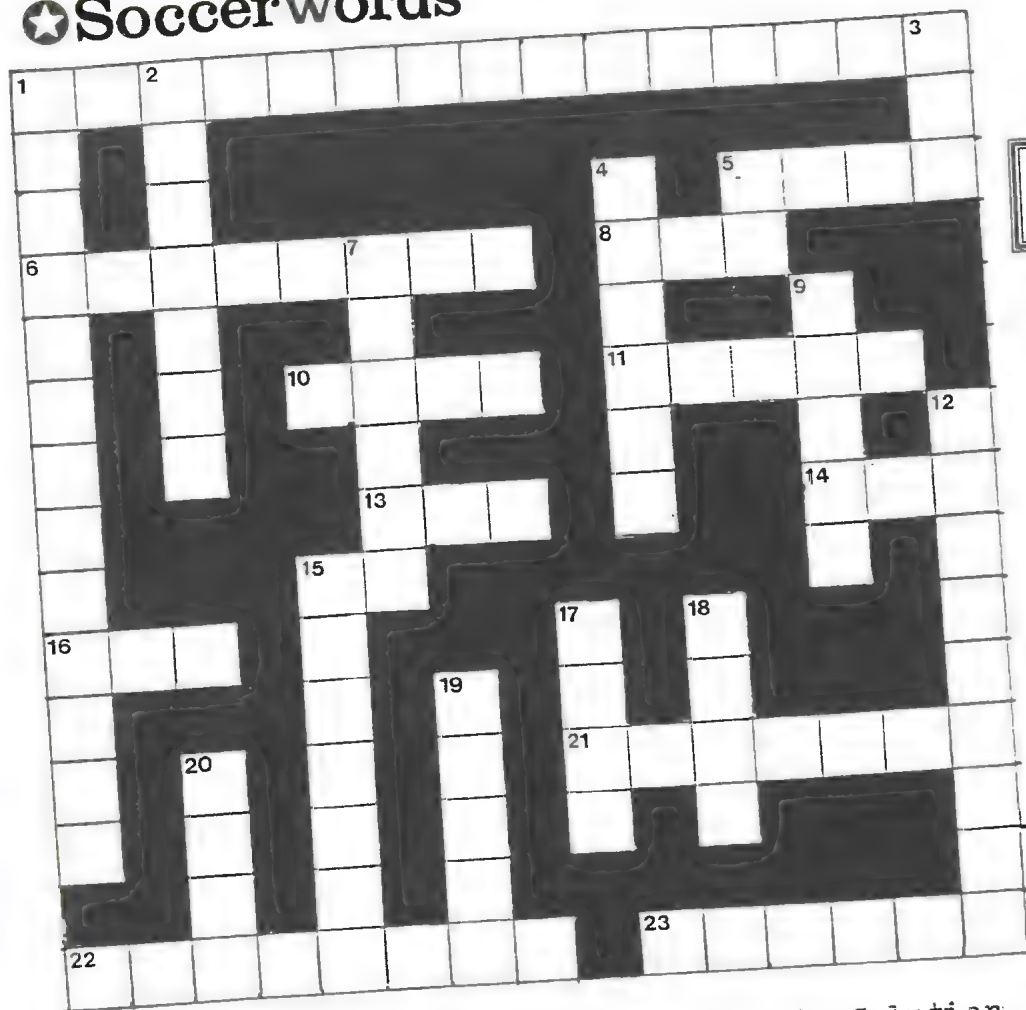
I'd also like to give a special mention to Justin Curran who, after a slow start and a discipline hiccup with the coach, showed a lot of character to bounce back and become one of the most promising goalkeepers in the comp and was rewarded with a First Grade shirt to stand by in the Final Play-Offs. Well done, Justin.

I would also like to thank the committee for their help and support and also Bruce Murphy for his support at crucial times and a big wrap for Greg McKenzie who, without doubt is the best manager going around.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year.

"UP THE SHARKS!"

★ Soccerwords



clues:

* Across: -

- 1: Stockton First Grade player, has brother, Tony also plays for Stockton (2 words).
- 5: ---- Fishburn, Youth Grade Coach.
- 6: Shares first name with 7 down.
- 8: Aussie Soccer's National controlling body (Initials).
- 10 & 11: First Grade Goalkeeper and long-time Stockton stalwart.
- 13: An ---- goal can be quite an embarrassment for any player to have recorded against him.
- 14: Cop one of these cards and it's an early shower, buddy!
- 15: Public Domain (Initials).
- 16: Without this in a soccer ball, it's about as useful as an ejector seat in a helicopter!
- 21: See 19 down.
- 22: The "Red Devils".
- 23: The "Bears".

Hey! Keep your eyes off those answers 'til you've finished the puzzle!

* Down: -

- 1: Stockton Soccer Club's current President (2 words).
- 2: Stockton's home ground, ---- Oval.
- 3: National Soccer League (Initials).
- 4: First name shared by 6 across & 7 down.
- 5: Initials shared by Stockton's Youth Grade Coach and Publicity Officer.
- 7: He won the Best & Fairest Award last year and has been taking it easy ever since! (Surname).
- 9: ---- O'Reilly, Stockton Stalwart.
- 12: The "Rosebuds" are based here.
- 15: Graham ----, our hard-working Secretary.
- 17: Add this to 22 across and the Red Devils suddenly become Blue Bells!
- 18: ---- McKenzie, our beloved Team Manager.
- 19 & 21 across: Youth Grade player who shares first name with at least two other Stockton players.
- 20: ---- Marjori Banks, another Craig Johnston in the making, maybe.

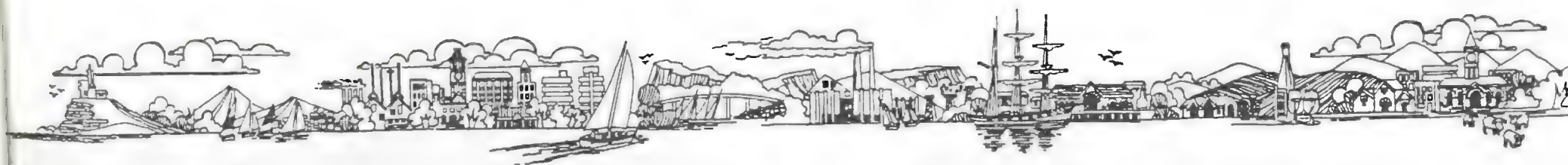
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1992 Man-Of-Match Awards

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Game:	Youth Grade:	First Grade:	Date:
Round 1: Vs. Singleton.....	Jason SMITH.....	Karl MARJORIBANKS....	12th April.
Round 3: Vs. Nelson Bay.....	Paul YEOMANS.....	David SIMPSON.....	25th April.
Round 5: Vs. Cessnock City....	Justin CURRAN.....	Bruce MURPHY.....	10th May.
Round 7: Vs. Lambton Jaffas..	Lee JOHNSON.....	Terence O'REILLY.....	23rd May.
Round 11: Vs. Wallsend.....	Jason STEWART.....	Karl MARJORIBANKS....	20th June.
Round 13: Vs. Belswans.....	David BUTCHART....	Troy SCOTMAN.....	5th July.
Round 15: Vs. Makedonija.....	Mark FREEMAN.....	Karl MARJORIBANKS....	19th July.
Round 17: Vs. Raymond Tce....	Daniel McLEOD.....	Terence O'REILLY.....	2nd August.
Round 18: Vs. Budgewoi.....	Andrew McLAWRENCE.	Darren McCROHON.....	9th August.

Our Man-Of-Match Awards were judged by the officiating referee at all our home games and were presented to the winners at our post-game barbecues at Stockton Bowling Club, downstairs.



★Competition Results

First Grade

Round 1:12th April	-V-	SINGLETON "STRIKERS"
2 Daniel HORSEMAN(2)	0 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 2:19th April	-V-	WALLSEND "RED DEVILS"
1 Karl MARJORI BANKS	1 @ Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens. (Mitre 10 Stadium)	
Round 3:25th April (Anzac Day)	-V-	NELSON BAY "MARLINS"
1 David SIMPSON	2 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 4:2nd May	-V-	BELMONT/SWANSEA "BELSWANS"
2 David SIMPSON(2)	1 @ Blacksmiths Park, Blacksmiths.	
Round 5:10th May	-V-	CESSNOCK CITY "HORNETS"
0	3 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 6:16th May	-V-	HILLSBOROUGH MAKEDONIJA S.C.
2 Michael McGOVERN Darren McCROHON	1 @ Arthur Eddon Oval, Lambton.	
Round 7:23rd May	-V-	LAMBTON "JAFFAS"
0	2 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 8:31st May	-V-	RAYMOND TERRACE S.C.
2 Anthony McGOVERN David SIMPSON	0 @ Boomerang Park, Raymond Terrace.	
Round 9:8th June	-V-	BUDGEWOI S.C.
3 Michael McGOVERN Terence O'REILLY Karl MARJORI BANKS	1 @ Frank Millington Field, Budgewoi. (Lot 159, Scenic Drive)	
Round 10:14th June	-V-	SINGLETON "STRIKERS"
0	4 @ Howe Park, Singleton.	
Round 11:20th June	-V-	WALLSEND "RED DEVILS"
4 Karl MARJORI BANKS David SIMPSON Darren McCROHON Anthony McGOVERN	1 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 12:27th June	-V-	NELSON BAY "MARLINS"
2 Anthony McGOVERN Darren McCROHON	1 @ Salamander Oval, Salamander Bay.	
Round 13:5th July	-V-	BELMONT/SWANSEA "BELSWANS"
2 Anthony McGOVERN David SIMPSON	1 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 14:12th July	-V-	CESSNOCK CITY "HORNETS"
1 Troy SCOTMAN	5 @ Turner Park, Cessnock.	
Round 15:19th July	-V-	HILLSBOROUGH MAKEDONIJA S.C.
2 David SIMPSON Karl MARJORI BANKS	0 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 16:25th July	-V-	LAMBTON "JAFFAS"
3 Brian O'REILLY David SIMPSON(2)	4 @ Arthur Eddon Oval, Lambton.	
Round 17:2nd August	-V-	RAYMOND TERRACE S.C.
3 Karl MARJORI BANKS Anthony McGOVERN(2)	1 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 18:9th August	-V-	BUDGEWOI S.C.
3 Karl MARJORI BANKS Darren McCROHON David BUTCHART	0 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	

Youth Grade

Round 1:12th April	-V-	SINGLETON "STRIKERS"
0	1 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 2:19th April	-V-	WALLSEND "RED DEVILS"
0	1 @ Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens. (Mitre 10 Stadium)	
Round 3:25th April (Anzac Day)	-V-	NELSON BAY "MARLINS"
1 Daniel McLEOD	1 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 4:2nd May	-V-	BELMONT/SWANSEA "BELSWANS"
3 Daniel HORSEMAN + 2 own-goals(see note)	0 @ Blacksmiths Park, Blacksmiths.	
Round 5:10th May	-V-	CESSNOCK CITY "HORNETS"
1 Jason BROWN	2 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 6:16th May	-V-	HILLSBOROUGH MAKEDONIJA S.C.
1 Daniel HORSEMAN	1 @ Arthur Eddon Oval, Lambton.	
Round 7:23rd May	-V-	LAMBTON "JAFFAS"
1 Daniel HORSEMAN	2 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 8:31st May	-V-	RAYMOND TERRACE S.C.
0	1 @ Boomerang Park, Raymond Terrace.	
Round 9:8th June	-V-	BUDGEWOI S.C.
1 Jason BROWN	2 @ Frank Millington Field, Budgewoi. (Lot 159, Scenic Drive)	
Round 10:14th June	-V-	SINGLETON "STRIKERS"
0	0 @ Howe Park, Singleton.	
Round 11:20th June	-V-	WALLSEND "RED DEVILS"
4 Daniel McLEOD David BUTCHART Jason BROWN Jason STEWART	1 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 12:27th June	-V-	NELSON BAY "MARLINS"
1 Lee JOHNSON	0 @ Salamander Oval, Salamander Bay.	
Round 13:5th July	-V-	BELMONT/SWANSEA "BELSWANS"
5 Daniel McLEOD Daniel HORSEMAN Jason STEWART Michael McGOVERN Andrew McLAWRENCE	1 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 14:12th July	-V-	CESSNOCK CITY "HORNETS"
2 David BUTCHART + 1 own-goal	4 @ Turner Park, Cessnock.	
Round 15:19th July	-V-	HILLSBOROUGH MAKEDONIJA S.C.
1 Daniel HORSEMAN	4 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 16:25th July	-V-	LAMBTON "JAFFAS"
2 Daniel McLEOD Michael McGOVERN	3 @ Arthur Eddon Oval, Lambton.	
Round 17:2nd August	-V-	RAYMOND TERRACE S.C.
0	1 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	
Round 18:9th August	-V-	BUDGEWOI S.C.
0	0 @ Corroba Oval, Stockton.	

Note: In Youth Grade, a maximum of four over-aged players are allowed. During the Premiership rounds, Belswans had played a number of games with more than the permitted number and, as a result, was penalised by having draws or wins declared as 3-0 losses. Stockton had played Belswans in Round 4 and played a 1-all draw, this was subsequently amended to a 3-0 win for Stockton with Daniel Horseman's goal plus two own-goals while Belswans' goal was disallowed. A few other clubs also benefitted in this way.

★Tables & Goalscorers

TABLES

First Grade:	W	D	L	F/A	Pts	Position
Cessnock City	11	5	2	36/17	38	1
Singleton	9	6	3	35/20	33	2
STOCKTON SHARKS	11	-	7	33/29	33	3
Hillsborough Makedonija	8	7	3	25/17	31	4
Lambton Jaffas	9	3	6	24/21	30	5
Wallsend	5	9	4	30/27	24	6
Budgewoi	6	4	8	23/25	22	7
Belmont/Swansea	4	4	10	19/28	16	8
Nelson Bay	3	6	9	22/32	15	9
Raymond Terrace	-	4	14	12/46	4	10
after 18 games completed						

Youth Grade:	W	D	L	F/A	Pts	Position
Hillsborough Makedonija	15	2	1	58/13	47	1
Cessnock City	15	1	2	46/16	46	2
Singleton	9	7	2	28/13	34	3
Lambton Jaffas	9	3	6	36/27	30	4
Raymond Terrace	8	2	8	38/38	26	5
Wallsend	6	4	8	26/37	22	6
STOCKTON SHARKS	4	4	10	23/25	16	7
Budgewoi	3	4	11	16/37	13	8
Belmont/Swansea	3	3	12	11/42	12	9
Nelson Bay	2	2	14	13/47	8	10

GOALSCORERS

First Grade	Youth Grade
David SIMPSON:9	Daniel HORSEMAN:5
Karl MARJORIBANKS:6	Daniel McLEOD:4
Anthony McGOVERN:6	Jason BROWN:3
Darren McCROHON:4	David BUTCHART:2
Daniel HORSEMAN:2	Michael McGOVERN:2
Michael McGOVERN:2	Jason STEWART:2
David BUTCHART:1	Lee JOHNSON:1
Brian O'REILLY:1	Andrew McLAWRENCE:1
Terence O'REILLY:1	own-goals:3
Troy SCOTMAN:1	



✱Team Photos-1992



FIRST GRADE

Back Row(L-R)=Greg McKenzie(Team Manager); Bruce Murphy(Coach); David Brenton; Troy Scotman; Alex Innes(Goalkeeper); Tony McGovern; David Butchart; Steve Jeffries(Youth Development Officer); Mick Slater(President); Front Row(L-R)=Phil Kamines(Director); Karl Marjoribanks; Terry O'Reilly; David Simpson; Bill Vorstelman(Goalkeeper); Mick McGovern; Brian O'Reilly; Darren McCrohon; Ian Stirrat(Treasurer); Graham Parsons(Secretary).



YOUTH GRADE

Back Row(L-R)=Phil Kamines(Director); Terry O'Reilly; Greg McKenzie(Team Manager); Daniel McLeod; Andy McLawrence; Mark Freeman; Alex Innes; Daniel Horseman; David Horseman; Graham Parsons(Secretary); Mick Slater(President); Front Row(L-R)=Steve Jeffries(Youth Development Officer); Shaun Kopeck; Paul Yeumans; Jason Brown; Justin Curran(Goalkeeper); Noel Fishburn(Coach); Martin Kamines; Jason Stewart; Ian Stirrat(Treasurer).

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Norm Dick

*Play-Off Series Review

- Youth Grade

Our Youth Grade's progress through the Play-Off Series, this season, wasn't going to be easy, judging by the results shown below. Finishing 7th on their competition table, they were to meet Nelson Bay Marlins at Frank Millington Field as a curtain-raiser to Budgewoi's Qualifying Round match against Raymond Terrace. After the regulation 80 minutes allotted to Youth Grade games, the score was 1-all with Jason Brown scoring for Stockton through a penalty shot. Jason was to be called on again as the match then had to be decided on penalty shoot-out to determine who will go forward to the Quarter-Final, the following weekend. Under the rules, a maximum 5 shots are allowed for each team and, if scores are still tied, a sudden-death kick-off ensues with the first team to miss bowing out of the competition, this is exactly what happened as after the mandatory 5 shots, Stockton & Nelson Bay were tied at 4 penalties each after Stockton missed the first but scored the subsequent 4 shots. Nelson Bay scored in their first 4 shots but their fifth was saved by Justin Curran. So it's now into sudden-death and - you guessed it - Stockton scored, Nelson Bay missed so it's goodbye, Nelson Bay and on to the Quarter-Final round against our old arch-rivals, Cessnock City. This game also resulted in a draw, this time, 2-all with Jason Brown and Troy Scotman scoring in normal time, again resulting in a penalty shoot-out to decide the issue. No-one but no-one reckoned on what would happen here, Stockton held on bravely but went down by the most unlikely - and unprecedented - score of 18-17 on penalties. The shoot-out went so long that it delayed the following matches by anything up to an hour! I don't think too many people (especially officials) would be too impressed with a game taking so long to achieve a result, it could spark a review of procedures pertaining to play-off series as far as tied scores are concerned.

Anyway, the upshot of it is that Stockton now bow out of the Youth Grade competition for 1992, but not without honour after a hard struggle through the Play-Off series and, of course, after the Premiership rounds, putting up such a gallant effort. Good on you, fellas!

Below are the Youth Grade Play-Off series results:

Qualifying Round: 16th August	-V-	NELSON BAY "MARLINS"
1 Jason BROWN		1
+ 5 penalties by Lee JOHNSON,		+ 4 penalties
Noel FISHERN, David BUTCHART,		@ Frank Millington Field, Lot 159,
Daniel HORSEMAN & Jason BROWN.		Scenic Drive, Budgewoi.

Quarter-Final: 23rd August	-V-	CESSNOCK CITY "HORNETS"
2 Jason BROWN		2
Troy SCOTMAN		+ 18 penalties
+ 17 penalties by Paul YEOMANS(2),		@ Turner Park, Cessnock.
Troy SCOTMAN(2), Noel FISHERN(2),		
Jason BROWN(2), Jason STEWART(2),		
Daniel McLEOD(2), Justin CURRAN(1),		
Shaun KOPEC(1), Daniel HORSEMAN(1),		
David BUTCHART(1), Mark FREEMAN(1).		

I extend my deepest gratitude to Mick Slater and Danny McLeod for their valued assistance in collecting the details shown here.

- First Grade

While our Youth Grade's season has come to an end, our First Grade pushes on toward the Grand Final starting with our Quarter-Final match with Wallsend. This proved to be (possibly) the toughest of the three matches played by First Grade. Starting slowly, the game built up to an exciting climax with Wallsend scoring first (38 minutes) but Stockton drew level just 9 minutes short of full time through a powerful shot by Dave Simpson. This sent the game into extra time, two periods of fifteen minutes each way and an intense struggle by both teams to score that vital winning goal or face a penalty shoot-out. The winner finally came, courtesy of another Dave Simpson "thunderball" just two minutes before full time. This then led us on to a Semi-Final meeting with our old Coalfields arch-rivals, Cessnock City. Poor old Cessnock weren't having the best of days, though. Their Youth Grade was beaten by eventual Grand-Final winners, Lamington Jaffas a short time earlier in the day and their tale of woes was to continue as our First Grade had sweet revenge for our losses to them in the Premiership rounds, the result; 2-1! Tony McGovern gave Stockton the advantage just two minutes before half-time and we held on grimly until the 81st minute when Cessnock pulled back a surprise equaliser and the spectre of extra time loomed again. That threat disappeared all too quickly when Darren McCrohon put away the deciding goal that ended Cessnock's season (they were the Major Premiers for 1992, the Major Premiership title being transferred to the Top-Of-The-Table team rather than the Grand Final winner). With Wallsend and Cessnock eliminated, it was now time for us to meet Singleton in the Grand Final - our first since 1987. After a nil-all first half, Singleton grabbed what was to be the winning goal just 6 minutes into the second half. Stockton, however, had the best of the game and looked like scoring on a number of occasions throughout the game. Our ultimate chance to equalise came just a few short minutes before full time when, in the midst of confusion at the southern end of the ground (Macquarie Field, Speers Point) but was thwarted. It seems our shot found it's mark but was pushed away by someone's other than the goal-keeper's hand. A penalty was awarded to Stockton but was somehow missed and a golden opportunity slipped out of our hands. So near yet so far!

Oh well, that was Stockton's season. The only thing now is to look forward to next year, and with it, another opportunity to settle the score, providing of course, that we make it through to the Grand Final and that Singleton does likewise. We await the new season with anticipation.

Below are the First Grade Play-Off Series results:

Quarter-Final: 22nd August	-V-	WALLSEND "RED DEVILS"
2 David SIMPSON(2)		1
		@ Corroba Oval, Stockton.
Semi-Final: 30th August	-V-	CESSNOCK CITY "HORNETS"
2 Anthony MCGOVERN		1
Darren MCCROHON		@ Macquarie Field, Speers Point.
Grand-Final: 6th September	-V-	SINGLETON "STRIKERS"
0		1
		@ Macquarie Field, Speers Point.



★ Profile: Greg McKenzie - Team Manager ★ Rogue's Gallery

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Photo by Norm Dick

Greg McKenzie has been with Stockton Soccer Club for three years now, coming to Stockton from Westlakes Wildcats, where he served as Team Manager from 1979 to 1988, holding Life Membership with that club in recognition for his services. While at Westlakes, he managed more than 600 games in all grades.

While he holds Life Membership at Westlakes Soccer Club, he is also a Life Member of Toronto Country Club's Cricket Club.

Greg came to Stockton Soccer Club to take up Team Manager's duties, beginning with the 1989 season at the invitation of then-Under 19's Grade Coach, Terry O'Reilly.

Initially it was intended that Greg would manage only the Under 19's Grade (or Youth Grade as it is now known) but eventually he found himself managing Reserve and First Grade as well.

Today, Greg serves as Junior Vice-President of our club, being elected to the position at the 1991 Annual General Meeting. He's no stranger to committee work either, having served as a Director at Toronto Country Club and also a stint on the Board of Macquarie Leagues Club.

As you can see, Greg McKenzie brings a wealth of experience, both on field and off, to Stockton Soccer Club and has proved himself to be a valued member of the club.

Greg has stated that he enjoys his work with Stockton Soccer Club. His late Father, Norm served as our gatekeeper, he was well-liked and well-respected and was a sad loss to Stockton Soccer Club when he passed away a short time after the end of the 1991 season.

Greg won the Best Clubman Award in 1989 after his first season with Stockton Soccer Club and while that might be among the first awards given to Greg, it will certainly not be the last. Greg looks forward to a long and rewarding association with Stockton Soccer Club and we wouldn't have it any other way!



- 1-Phil Kamines.
- 2-Darren McGrohen.
- 3-David Simpson.
- 4-Bill Verstellman.

*Youth Development-Planning For The Future!



This year was my first of being involved with Stockton Senior Soccer Club and I must say I have no regrets with that involvement. It has been an experience that I will not forget.

With regards to development, I believe the most noticeable development within the club this year has been the change of mood in both the players and the committee.

Members who were dejected and bitter as a result of being removed from First Division and placed into Second Division, finished the season in high spirits and eager for real reason to start.

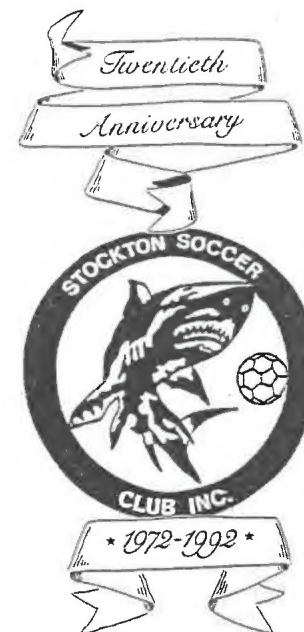
How did this change in mood occur? The answer is easy. The foundation from which Stockton Soccer Club is built, is obviously spirit and determination. This was born out by the way in which the committee, players and supporters performed this season. We had an excellent season both on the field and off the field and for this, everyone is to be congratulated. Next season we will do even better.

One of the major objectives I had to try to achieve this year as the Development Officer was to secure Stockton Soccer Club's admittance into the State Junior Super League Competition. Well, that objective has been achieved. As of this week (6th October), Stockton Soccer Club is officially in the Super League Competition. This can only be good for the future of the club and will assist in our efforts to re-enter First Division.

For the support I have been shown this year, I thank you all trust that the club will see you all back next season.

by Steve Jeffries,
Development Officer.

Editor's Note: I sincerely wish to thank Steve Jeffries for writing this column at such short notice. With our club's acceptance in the Junior Super League, recently, this is a very timely inclusion into this Presentation Night Book and who better to write about it than the man who will oversee the entire operation - Steve Jeffries. Well done, Steve.....and many thanks!.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING '92

—Est. 1972—

- AGENDA: *
- Welcome to Members & Guests.
 - Apologies.
 - Confirmation of the minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting, held on the 18th November, 1991.
 - Receipt and Adoption of the President's Report, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Statement of Accounts, Auditor's Report, Other Reports(if any).
 - Election of Office-Bearers:
President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Development Officer are to be elected in accordance with the rules.
 - Transaction of any other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the rules.

FORMS OF PROXY: Members are entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in their stead at this meeting. A Form Of Proxy can be obtained from the Secretary and, once completed, should reach the club's Secretary not later than 24 hours before the time for the holding of the meeting.

7.30 pm, Monday, 16th November
at Stockton Bowling Club.

NOTE: LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING.



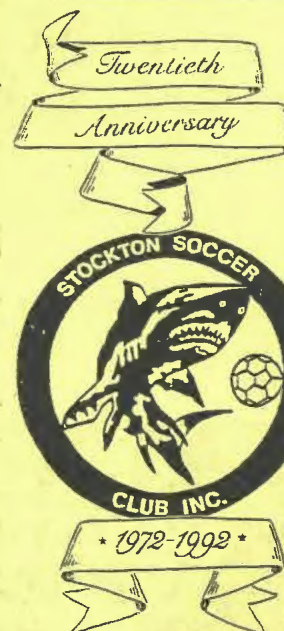
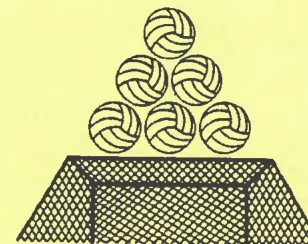
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SOLUTION:

*Across: 1-Michael McGovern. 5-Noel. 6-Horseman. 8-ASF. 10-Alex(ties to 11 across). 11-Innes(ties to 10 across). 13-Own. 14-Red. 15-PD. 16-Air. 21-Stewart(ties to 19 down). 22-Wallsend. 23-Weston.

*Down: 1-Michael Slater. 2-Corroba. 3-NSL. 4-Daniel. 5-NF. 7-McLeod. 9-Terry. 12-Adamstown. 15-Parsons. 17-West. 18-Greg. 19-Jason(ties to 21 across). 20-Karl.

GRID: MICHAELMCGOVERN
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